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Question:

The Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority has said that most of the information it has received from Ausgroup, the Port Melville developers, has been deficient or inadequate – is that a matter of concern to the Tiwi Land Council?

If yes, why?

If not, why not?

Answer:

From the information received by Tiwi Land Council it would appear that AusGroup and their environmental consultants have responded to information required by the NTEPA in the preparation of the OEMP. Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Adam Giles has also publicly acknowledged that AusGroup had fully complied with all legislative requirements and that as far as his government was concerned, the project did not threaten any wildlife. AusGroup has made similar public statements. The EcOz consultants working for EOLHT (a subsidiary of AusGroup) have also worked for the Tiwi company, Tiwi Plantations Corporation Pty Ltd (TPC). TPC has advised that it is very satisfied with the quality of work and the professional integrity of EcOz. TLC is at a loss to explain the apparently conflicting advice from the NTEPA.